

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

HB 2062 - SB 2064

February 17, 2016

SUMMARY OF BILL: Establishes that the estate, of any first responder from a local emergency management agency, who is killed in the line of duty is entitled to a \$25,000 payment from the General Fund after the receipt by the Department of Finance and Administration (F&A) of a certified death certificate and an affidavit from the decedent's employer that the decedent was killed in the line of duty.

Establishes that all local emergency management agency personnel are to be considered first responders from local emergency management agencies, with all the rights, benefits, privileges, and protections that are available to them pursuant to state and local laws; therefore, the estate beneficiaries of any local emergency management agency personnel whom is killed in the line of duty would be eligible for this \$25,000 death benefit. This act shall take effect on July 1, 2016.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures - \$25,000

Assumptions:

- According to F&A, pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 7-51-202, \$50,000 is appropriated annually for death benefits for two firefighters killed in the line of duty.
- A \$25,000 dollar appropriation will be provided each year in the General Fund for a death benefit for the purpose of this legislation. Any fiscal year in which this death benefit is not claimed it will revert back to the General Fund at the end of the fiscal year.
- Based on information from the Tennessee Emergency Management Agency (TEMA), the most recent and known death of a local emergency management agency personnel occurred in 2010.

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CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Krista M. Lee". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Krista M. Lee, Executive Director

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